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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO NYERERE

REF: STATE 198325 (TOSEC 200281); STATE 198542

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO NYERERE FROM THE
SECRETARY, FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: SINCE
YOUR LAST TALK WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE, WE
HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE BRITISH AND SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENTS. IN ORDER TO PREPARE SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC
OPINION FOR THE POLICY TOWARDS RHODESIA, THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO MAKE A PRELIMINARY MOVE.
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, AT THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL
PARTY IN NATAL, THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PLANS TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN WHICH HE WILL REFER TO MY
AUGUST 4 SPEECH IN BOSTON.

"WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MINISTER WILL POINT OUT THAT
MY SPEECH INDICATES THAT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF
RHODESIA'S WHITE MINORITY NEED TO BE PROTECTED BY
GUARANTEES, INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL ONES. THE MINISTER
EXPECTS TO ADD THAT IF THE SAFETY AND BASIC
RIGHTS OF THE WHITE MINORITY IN RHODESIA ARE PROTECTED,
THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT WITHHOLD ITS
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SUPPORT FROM EFFORTS TO BRING MAJORITY RULE TO RHODESIA.

"I AM SURE YOU RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STEP WHICH THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE TAKING IN MAKING A STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES. IT IS CLEARLY A STEP TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT AND WITHIN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEXT, IT IS AN IMPORTANT GESTURE. YOU UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INVOLVED BETTER THAN I SINCE YOU WERE THE FIRST TO TELL ME OF THE POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH JOHN VORSTER OPERATES.

"I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE OTHER URGENT DEVELOPMENTS TO YOU. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILLIAM ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE WILL VISIT DAR ES SALAAM ON AUGUST 24 TO CARRY FORWARD THE CONSULTATIONS. I HOPE TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST COMMUNICATIONS WITH YOU IN THE DAYS AHEAD. "WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER" END TEXT.
KISSINGER

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